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North Hampton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2018

Administrative:

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call:

Attendance included Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kathy Grant (Vice Chair), Lauri Etela, Mike Lynch, Philip Thayer and Andrew Vorkink.

Approval of Minutes:

After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Lauri Etela, with one minor correction.*** The motion carried with Mike Lynch and Andrew Vorkink abstaining.

New Business:

NHDES: "After the Fact Minimum Impact Wetland Permit Application: DES Wetland File: 2017-03390; Tax Map 6, Lot 148; 112 Mill Road, North Hampton, NH

The project proposed temporary impacts for the installation of a temporary cofferdam to inject bentonite clay into the existing dam located on the subject property." Property Owner: Peter Home. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Mike Lynch, to have Lisa Wilson send an email or letter to Eben Lewis to let him know that the conservation commission has reviewed this application and has no objections.*** Motion carried.

NHDES: Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application: 120 Mill Road, North Hampton, NH; Tax Map 6, Lot 154; JBE Project No. 15131.3

The wetlands permit application is for 13,614 S.F. of disturbance within a wetland submitted by Jones and Beach Engineers, Inc. for the property owners Chris and Michelle Rondeau, 120 Mill Road Realty Trust. The impact is for construction of an agricultural pond within a wetland. Conservation members would like to get the opinion of Dr. Len Lord on this matter to determine whether the construction of the pond will be

detrimental to Little River. After some discussion, ***a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Mike Lynch, to authorize Lisa Wilson to sign the estimate as presented.*** Motion carried.

Discussion of Proposed NHDES “Draft Wetland Rules” pertaining to streamlining dredge and fill applications

The DES has distributed the draft for public comment along with the Chair of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions about the proposed changes. The Commission will review them and comment at the next meeting.

Old Business

Conservation Easement Subcommittee Update

Andrew Vorkink reported plans for Commissioners to begin monitoring certain conservation parcels using the aerial views via Google Maps.

Discussion of Conservation Procedures and Policies

After much discussion, ***a motion was made by Kathy Grant, duly seconded by Mike Lynch, that the “Procedures and Policies” of June 2010 be changed to “Guidelines for the Acquisition of Conservation Land” and moved from the top left to the bottom left on the website.*** Andrew Vorkink then made a revised amendment ***to shorten paragraph five to only the first sentence and add spaces between the paragraphs.*** Mike Lynch seconded Andrew’s amendment. The motion carried. Mike Lynch suggested moving the Guidelines up to the “Information and Resources” link. Members will review the Guidelines for any other updates at the next meeting.

Trail Maintenance:

Discussion included cleaning up three key trail sites – Dustin Farm, Corbett Farm, and the Old Road Farm (the Jeppesen property). The Commission will need to define the work to be done. Phil Thayer will walk the trails and take some photos and get bids and estimates to clean up the trails.

Correspondence:

Call from Wendy Higginson

Wendy Higginson called the Chair to thank the Conservation Commission for the thank you card and letter acknowledging her donation of twenty-four acres of conservation land to the town.

SELT: Letter dated February 22, 2018

A letter dated February 22, 2018 was received to verify that the “NO HUNTING” signs are consistent with the terms of the Forest Hills Farm conservation easement.

SELT: Letter dated February 26, 2018

A letter dated February 26, 2018 was received to notify the Conservation Commission that the SELT will soon begin its annual monitoring of the Town’s Forest Hills Farm and Little River Conservation Easements. The Conservation Commission will be notified of the monitoring dates and that members are welcome to participate.

Email dated March 5, 2018:

An email dated March 5, 2018 was received regarding a concern by a resident on Bradley Lane. A portion of the owner’s land, which has been traditionally dry, is now filling up with water and turning into a swamp area with trees dying. Map: 011, Lot: 006-037

Other Business

Topic for Next Community Newsletter

Septic systems were suggested as a topic for the next Community Newsletter.

Community Outreach: Trail Maps for Distribution to Residents – Tabled until next meeting

There being no further business to discuss, *a motion was made by Andrew Vorkink, duly seconded by Mike Lynch, to adjourn the meeting.* The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Moore
Recording Secretary

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